

Bernalillo County



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468-7000

SAVE THE DATE

4th of July Holiday
County Closed

Need Assistance or
Resources?
Call Neighborhood
Coordination

Bernadette Miera
478-1279
974-5578 (cell)

Lenton Malry
468-7364

No BCC meetings for
the month of July

COMMISSION MEETINGS

Vincent E. Griego Chambers
1 Civic Plaza NW (basement)

Administrative

June 14 @ 5 p.m.
June 28 @ 3 p.m.

Zoning

June 28 @ 5:30 p.m.

County Planning Commission
1st Wednesday of the month
9 a.m.



Neighborhood Newsletter
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Twelve Neighborhood Associations
Awarded Neighborhood Outreach Grant

Bernalillo County has awarded the following twelve
associations with Neighborhood Outreach Grants in
its second solicitation for proposals. This program is
an initiative by District 2 Commissioner Art De La Cruz
and was unanimously approved by the Board of
County Commissioners. The program was created to
help neighborhood groups enhance and strengthen
their communities.

Recognized neighborhood associations in both the
unincorporated area of the county and the City of
Albuquerque are eligible to apply for the grant. Grant
solicitations occur twice a year. The next solicitation
for proposals will be in September.

- Buckboard NA
Community Garden / Rainwater Collection
Clayton Heights / Loma del Cielo NA
Web Creation
Downtown NA
Tree Planting / Urban Greening
East Mountain Coalition
Oral History Project
Fair Heights NA
Visioning for Streetscape Improvements
Fair West NA
Neighborhood History Project
Pajarito Mesa NA
Community Garden / Composting / Rain Collection
Pajarito Village Association
Obesity / Health Outreach
Remington Estates
Public Safety / Lighting
Santa Barbara HOA
Community Garden
Southeast Heights
Increase Association Awareness / Outreach
South San Pedro NA
Community Garden with Youth and Seniors



For more information contact:
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Neighborhood Program Coordinator
468-1279 / bmiera@bernco.gov

Devoted and Beloved Vecino

Richard Rivas, a longtime
community advocate and
member of the Vecinos
del Bosque Neighborhood
Association, passed away
Memorial weekend. Last
year, we featured Mr.



Rivas in our "Good Neighbor" column, which
highlighted his volunteerism and dedication
to his community. I am taking this opportu-
nity to do so again, as the community has
lost a caring, devoted and beloved vecino.

Richard went above and beyond his
neighborhood association duties. He was the
founder of the Community Bike Recycling
Program. He and his volunteers recycled
used bikes to give to children and adults
throughout Albuquerque who could not af-
ford them. Richard devoted countless hours
per week obtaining bike donations, soliciting
volunteers to help refurbish bicycles and
grant monies to keep the program operating.

Richard was also involved in the West Central
Community Development Group which was
instrumental in redeveloping Central Avenue
from the river west to Unser. Some of these
efforts have resulted in the installation of the
Route 66 neon lighting along west Central
Avenue and the Central bridge upgrades.
Richard served on various city and county
boards representing the South Valley and
west side communities. We appreciate Rich-
ard for his dedication and hard work in en-
hancing the quality of life of so many people.

Proposed Name Change
Open Space Park In Adobe Acres

Bernalillo County is seeking public input on a
current proposal to name a South Valley open
space park in Adobe Acres after Clinton P.
Anderson.

This 3.4-acre site property is located in District
2, and was part of the Clinton P. Anderson fam-
ily ranch. Clinton P. Anderson died in 1975. For
many years, Anderson represented New Mex-
ico in the U.S. House of Representatives and in
the U.S. Senate. Anderson also served as U.S.
Secretary of Agriculture under President Harry
S. Truman. Anderson was awarded the National
Conservation Award in 1963.

Please go to www.bernco.gov to submit your
comments.

Avoiding the Picnicking Food 'bug'



With our beautiful blue skies and easy access to the mountains, many New Mexicans like to spend a day picnicking or a weekend camping to relax and have fun with friends and family.

When packing the cooler and preparing the food for your next outing there are a few safety tips to be aware of.

How should I store my food?

Until food is ready to pack in the cooler, it is safest to store uncooked meats in the refrigerator. If your picnic includes buying fast food, eat it within 2 hours or chill it. To keep your food cold make sure to pack it in an insulated cooler and keep the food at 40°F. Bacteria multiply rapidly above this temperature. Once at the picnic, store the cooler in the shade. Keep the lid closed and avoid repeat openings of the cooler, allowing cold air to escape. Store beverages in a separate cooler where repeat opening of the cooler will not affect them, providing they do not spoil (i.e. milk). Remember that food should always be stored in a cooler except when cooking or serving. Place leftovers promptly back into the cooler. If there is still ice in the cooler when you return home and the food is cold, the leftovers should be safe to eat.

How should I prepare and cook my food?

When cooking, remove from the cooler only the amount of meat that will fit on the grill. The coals of the grill should be very hot. Meat should be cooked until juices run clear, especially ground beef. Meats that have been pre-cooked should be heated until steaming hot. Never put cooked meat on the same platter that held raw meat. The juices from raw meat can contaminate cooked meat with bacteria. If you marinate meat or poultry make sure to store it in the refrigerator. If you plan to use some of the marinade as sauce, reserve a portion before you put raw meat in it. Otherwise, the marinade may contaminate your cooked meat with bacteria.

What do I need to keep in mind for my next picnic?

Next time you head out for a picnic or a camping trip remember to take caution when planning your meal. Pack your food appropriately and keep it stored cold. Avoid cross contamination by preventing raw meat from coming into contact with items that will not be cooked (i.e., lettuce, bread, etc.). Finally, make sure to cook meat thoroughly and store leftovers in the cooler.

If you have questions please contact the Bernalillo County Office of Environmental Health at 314-0310.

New toddler pool at Rio Grande Aquatic Center



Youngsters looking to splash in their own personal pool will now have the opportunity to wade through the water in Rio Grande's brand new toddler's pool. The shallow pool, which opened on Memorial Day weekend, is the latest addition to the Rio Grande Aquatic Center. The 760 square foot children's area is 1 ½ feet deep, and it can accommodate up to 30 people. The toddler's pool will be open every day; from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free for seniors, \$3.50 for adults, \$2.50 for youth, \$1 for children (0-5 yrs), and \$2.00 for spectators. The Rio Grande Aquatic Center is located at 2312 Arenal Road SW.

Composting Class

Monday, June 6
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Gutierrez-Hubbell House
6209 Isleta Blvd. SW
RSVP to 314-0398



Farmers' Market Locations



'Tis the season! For fresh produce, that is. We have many local growers in the unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County that provide us with healthy food choices. Please support our local economy by buying your produce at one of the many farmers' markets. For information on markets in the Albuquerque area visit:

http://www.farmersmarketsnm.org/Farmers_Markets/Market_Locations/

Cedar Crest Farmers' Market

12144 N Hwy 14

Wednesdays, 3 pm - 6 pm

Market Season: mid-June - October/first frost
Contact: Thomas Isole, (505) 803-7579

Edgewood Farmers' Market

Wildlife West Park, 87 N Frontage Rd

Thursdays, 3 pm to 7 pm

Market Season: July 9th - October 15th
Contact: Craig Noorlander, (505) 281-7851

Los Ranchos Growers' Market

City Hall, 6718 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

Saturdays, 7 am - 11 am

Market Season: May 7th - November 12th
Contact: Sue Brawley, (505) 890-2799

http://farmersmarketsnm.org/Market_Homepages/Los_Ranchos/index.html

South Valley Growers' Market

Cristo Del Valle Presbyterian Church, 3907 Isleta Blvd SW

Saturdays, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Market Season: May 11th - October 29th
Contact: Rhonda Reinert, (505) 877-4044

Green Waste Week June 19th thru 25th

Attention East Mountain Landowners!

Recycle your summer green waste and take home a FREE truckload of mulch!

FREE DROP OFF at the

East Mountain Transfer Station

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

711 Highway 333 | Tijeras, NM

Telephone: 281-9110

All loads must be covered.

Brought to you by: County of Bernalillo, County Commissioner Wayne A. Johnson, Ciudad Soil & Water Conservation District, Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District and the NM Association of Counties

The Bernalillo County Fire Department will be asking the Board of County Commissioners for a fireworks ban in the unincorporated areas of the county, effective through July 14. The ban applies to fireworks that shoot higher than 10 feet in the air, have more than a 6 foot coverage area and fireworks that are louder than a cap gun. Permissible fireworks may be used in all other areas of the county on barren or paved areas. These include cones, fountains and hand-held sparklers.

If an individual is caught with prohibited fireworks, a citation could be issued requiring a fine up to \$1000 and/or one year jail time. An individual may be held liable for property damage caused by illegal firework use.

The severe drought conditions and the potential risk to life, property and the environment prompted the proposed ban. The ban covers the areas east of Louisiana Blvd. to the west face of the Sandia Mountains, from San Antonio Blvd. north to the Sandia Indian Reservation, all the East Mountain area and areas within 1000 feet of the Rio Grande Bosque and wildland areas.

